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## Stelmach takes \$54K salary raise

Closed door meeting makes premier best paid in the country

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**Metro Edmonton

Alberta's premier wouldn't say how Albertans would respond to his hefty pay raise, but says his \$54,000

hike in pay is well deserved.

Premier Ed Stelmach, along with his 23 ministers voted for their own hike in pay behind closed doors that will see their salaries soar up to 34 per cent.

The hike also makes
Stelmach the highest
paid premier in Canada
as he will now be making close to \$215,000
annually while his cab-

inet ministers will be earning close to \$184,000 a year. "It was an adjustment, I stand by

"It was an adjustment, I stand by that adjustment," said Stelmach to reporters yesterday.

When asked by reporters if the premier's office received any feedback from Albertans on the pay hike

issue, Stelmach said he heard positive praise from people at a number of functions he attended over the weekend, including the Western Premier's Conference late last week.

"I've been at 15 different functions over the weekend and the comments made is that it is recognition of the work that MLAs do, the ministers in cabinet," said Stelmach.

"I feel (the committee) found a

balance and we are going to stick to this."

Stelmach says the pay hikes are needed to attract people to become candidates in future elections, along with trying to prevent good talent from leaving the Legislature and into the private sector.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation says Stelmach should

demand an independent review that must be headed by a citizen's commission rather than getting a committee of MLAs to approve themselves a pay raise.

One third of an MLA's salary is

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## **Penguins stay alive**

Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood lays on the ice after letting in the Pittsburgh Penguins' tying goal in the dying seconds of regulation of Game 5 of the NHL Stanley Cup final in Detroit yesterday. Pittsburgh went on to win the game in triple overtime on a goal by Petr Sykora. **Story, page 8.** 

### Police remain quiet on found bodies

Few details offered regarding gruesome weekend discovery

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**Metro Edmonton

Police have yet to release findings of a Medical Examiner's report that could determine the identities of two dead bodies found in a farmer's fied over the weekend. A farmer seeding his field, about 70 km northeast of Edmonton near Lamont, made a gruesome discovery last week when he found two dead bodies in a grove of trees lining the farmland. Police have yet to release any details about the deceased, including gender, race, age or cause of death. Examination of the bodies

began yesterday at 1 p.m. Police are treating the case as a homicide.

Though Colleen and Terry Hunt have only lived in the area where the bodies were found for a year and a half, they say they're sure the victims weren't killed where their bodies were found.

"Someone had to have dumped them there, for sure," Terry said.

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## local



Attention cowpunchers and horse lovers: Tickets for the Canadian Finals Rodeo go on sale this Friday. The national championship runs from Nov. 5-9, which features usual feats like bareback horse riding and steer wrestling.



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# Protect your PIN: Police

Cops seek suspect in skimming scam

By ANDREW COWIE for Metro Edmonton

Police are urging people to protect their PIN numbers as they look for a suspect in a card skimming operation.

This recent string of skimming operations involves an overlay card reader on an ATM machine that gets the

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card information and a miniature camera above to film the user's pin number.

"The biggest thing is cover your pin and if you cover the pin, you're not going to get skimmed," said Det. Bob Gauthier with the police service's economic crimes unit.

Gauthier said the skimming operation is a provincewide problem, mak-



Police are asking the public's help in tracking down this male suspect who is seen here installing a pinhole camera above an ATM.

ing it hard for police to com-

■ bat.

"How do you even say that guy is the guy in the picture? We don't know off hand," Gauthier said, noting this case involved 15 different indoor ATMs in Edmonton.

The city saw this problem a few years ago, but as people

forget and think the problem disappeared, it slowly creeps back, said Gauthier.

### Premier downplays air quality report

Ft. Mac on par with most Canadian cities: Stelmach

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**Metro Edmonton

The air quality in Alberta's oilsands is as good or better than most major cities in Canada, says Premier Ed Stelmach, despite a government report that said pollution levels in the region are higher than other provincial areas.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time the air quality in the whole Fort McMurray area is as good or better than most of the Canadian major cities," said Stelmach.

The air quality report, conducted by Alberta Environment in November, said hydrogen sulphide levels in the Fort McMurray area have increased up to 68 per cent since the province began monitoring in 1999.

"The issue with Fort Mc-Murray is not that it is getting worse, it is just not improving as we've seen in other parts of



Premier Ed Stelmach talks to reporters yesterday as he unveiled a new province-wide challenge to get Albertans to commit to one simple act that will make a difference to the environment.

the province," said Environment Minister Rob Renner yesterday.

"Air quality across the province continues to be good, but that doesn't mean it can't be better."

Heather Milton-Lightening with Greenpeace says every aspect of the oilsands is out of control.

"It was the killing of 500 ducks two weeks ago, news of a Suncor discharge straight into the water system the next, and now it's air quality," said Milton-Lightening in a statement.

"It's time to stop the tarsands before they stop us."

The Tory government,

The Tory government, meanwhile, kicked off Environment Week yesterday by challenging residents to make one simple act that will make a difference for the environment.

A website has been launched at www.onesimple-act.alberta.ca, where residents can make their own pledges online.

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The University of Alberta has appointed singer-songwriter Susan Aglukark to the Faculty of Native studies as a distinguished scholar. Aglukark, right, is a renowned Inuit singer who has won three Junos along with being a motivational speaker. She begins her new job on July 1.



## **Monitoring the Arctic**

Econet project uploads data to the Internet

By ERIC BOWLING Metro Edmonton

Scientists will soon be able to monitor the Arctic Circle without ever having to leave their living rooms thanks to a local project unveiled yesterday at the University of Alberta.

The Econet project, developed by university scientists Mario Nascimento, Dr. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa and Ottawa's Oslonet Corporation, collects environmental information and uploads it to the Internet using satellite uplinks.

Traditionally, scientists have used radio towers and large, bulky sensors to keep track of environmental conditions, but these walletwireless remote transmitters provide more precise data and are less obtrusive to their environ-

"The environment doesn't perceive it," explained Nasci-



University of Alberta scientists, from left, Dr. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa, Mario Nascimento and Pawel Gburzynski with Ottawa-based Oslonet Corporation have designed a new system that keeps track of environmental conditions around the world

mento. "We have to be careful because we don't want monkeys to grab a sensor and

Each transmitter can be programmed to keep track of numerous conditions, including humidity, the amount of sunlight the area receives, temperature, air and water

quality.

The technology can also be used to track cellphones and ID tags, which could have security applications, explained Nascimento.

The system can transmit to and from anywhere in the world. Nascimento says he can monitor the Arctic Circle

and the Amazon River on one

The transmitters and receivers both store data, allowing scientists to track environmental changes over times up to 15 days.

For more information on the Econet project, check out econet ca nalberta ca.

## Strong gun laws tied to bloody violence: Expert

«(There are) a

whole cohort of 18- to

35-year-olds who are

lence.»

literally soaked in vio-

By ANDREW COWIE Metro Edmonton

A rash of violent weekend stabbings could be the result of tough gun laws and a weak court system in Canada, believes a criminol-

ogist from the Univerof Alsitv berta.

Crime expert William Pit.t. says knives are the weapons choice

simply because they are difficult to detect and simple to obtain.

"They are cheap and easy to hide," Pitt wrote in an email to Metro. "People are killing each other using what is accessible."

Pitt says weak social controls like the court system

and gang members trying to prove their toughness have aided to the growing problem of knives on the streets.

"(There are) a whole cohort of 18- to 35-year-olds who are literally soaked in violence," he said.

> He had strong words for politicians looking for an easy solution, saving their way of looking the problem

is misguided.

William Pitt,

criminologist,

University of Alberta

"(There are) naive politicians who keep looking for some holy grail by searching for 'root causes' who fail to understand that many of these social misfits actually enjoy hurting people," he

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### Festival celebrates seniors' artistic talents

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES Metro Edmonton

Our city is set to shine this week as our golden residents let their creative juices flow.

The first ever Creative Age Festival kicked off yesterday at City Hall with a preview of events that included music, drama and a recital from Edmonton's poet laureate.

The festival will be a weeklong celebration of the arts, and how senior citizens can, and do, contribute to our artistic community.

"This festival is going to be exceptionally exciting because it's going to start a new direction for the way of doing things in the city." said Mayor Stephen Mandel.

"The festival should be about fun because of some not easy things that face many seniors."

A variety of free events involving dance, art, theatre, film, writing, music and stand-up comedy will be offered throughout the city at a number of different ven-

"Creativity is the heart of human expression," said Susan Perlstein, founder and executive director of the National Center for Creative Aging. "As long as we're alive, we can create.'

For a full list of events and schedules, visit www.creativeagefestival.ca.

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### Backhoe joyride halted by police

By ERIC BOWLING Metro Edmonton

A drunken backhoe rampage was averted Sunday afternoon as police pulled over the metal behemoth driven by a man who tested three times over the legal limit.

Officers from the city's west division were called in after a visibly drunk man was seen leaving a hotel on 156 Street and 112 Avenue who later climbed into the backhoe shortly after 1 p.m., say police.

The man began to drive the backhoe down the street and police quickly pulled him over on 111 Avenue where they seized the machine.

Leslie Christensen, 47, faces three charges related to impaired driving.



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## canada



The Ontario Court of Appeal has dismissed an appeal by Charlene Walsh, a former Tim Horton's employee in Toronto who sued the company for \$10 million alleging she had been wrongfully fired after being accused of stealing a toonie in 1999.

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NDP MP Alexa McDonough receives flowers from her granddaughter Abbie Jean, 6, after announcing she would not be running in the next federal election.

## **McDonough retires**

First woman to lead a major party set to step down

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

While friends and family members welled up with tears, Alexa McDonough remained composed yesterday as she calmly announced the end of her 29-year political career.

She told a packed hall at Halifax's Lord Nelson Hotel she intends to leave Ottawa come the next federal election.

"I feel very strongly that it is the right thing to do and this is the right time to do it," the NDP MP for Halifax told the assembled crowd.

McDonough entered politics in 1980, when she took

### positive reasons

» McDonough said her decision to retire has nothing to do with the party or leader Jack Layton. "I have 100 per cent positive reasons, and a long list of them," she said, smiling at her grandchildren.

over leadership of Nova Scotia's NDP. She was the first female leader of a recognized Canadian political party. She was the leader of the federal NDP from 1995 to 2003 and was elected to Parliament in 1997.

Since she stepped down as leader of the federal NDP in 2003, McDonough has concentrated on international development and peace advocacy. She said she would continue working in these areas, but would not take up another political appointment.

### »news In Brief

- AFGHANISTAN Four Canadian soldiers were injured in two separate attacks yesterday, CBC Online reports. All are expected to survive, but one is "very seriously" wounded and two others are "seriously" wounded, according to a military press release.
- » BASRUR Dr. Sheela Basrur,

face of a terrifying crisis made her a trusted public figure during the deadly SARS outbreak in Toronto five years ago, has died after battling a rare form of cancer, a family spokesperson said yesterday. Basrur, 51, later became Ontario's chief medical officer of health, but it was her role during the 2003 outbreak that made her a household name. POLL The federal Conservatives widened their lead in an opinion poll published yesterday. The Ipsos Reid poll said 36 per cent of voters supported the Conservatives; 29 per cent backed the Liberals; 14 per cent supported the NDP; and the Greens rose to 11 per cent.

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### Farewell **Bourdon laid to rest**



Luc Bourdon's great aunt Monique Chiasson, left, and girlfriend Charlène Ward, speak at his funeral yesterday in Shippagan, N.B. Over 2,000 people turned out to honour Bourdon, a defenceman for the Vancouver Canucks, who died in a motorcycle accident last week.

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### Bernier breach to be probed

A parliamentary committee will launch an inquiry into the Maxime Bernier breach next week in the wake of Stephen

Harper's refusal to hold an independent investigation.

Opposition MPs on

the public safety committee yesterday outvoted the Conservative minority to push ahead with an inquiry into the security breach involving Bernier and ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard.

"Since Mr. Harper is refusing to call a full public inquiry, we will do this," said Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh, referring to

the Bloc Québécois motion to hold hearings.

Starting a week today, the committee will look into the facts surrounding the disgraced former foreign affairs minister's resignation. It will sit even if the Commons adjourns for the sum-

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### polygamy

### Special prosecutor to look at Bountiful

ALLEGATIONS The Bountiful, B.C., polygamist community belonging to the breakaway religious sect that was raided by Texas authorities in April is again facing possible criminal charges, officials said yesterday.

A special prosecutor has been appointed to look at allegations of misconduct in the community.

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A small study showed that probiotic, or "good" bacteria in a daily drink can change the immune system's response to grass pollen, a common cause of allergies, and balance antibodies in a way that may provide relief to people with the condition.

## Clinton to call it quits?

### Speculation rife that she'll end White House bid

Hillary Clinton comes home to New York today, surrounded by family and her most loyal supporters, amidst signs she will bow to the mathematical reality that Barack Obama will be the Democratic party's 2008 presidential nominee.

Voting for the nomination

no word yet

» Clinton aides cautioned that she would not concede tonight as the longest Democratic primary race in history — during which a record 35 million votes were cast ends five months to the night that Obama shocked the onetime frontrunner in frigid lowa.

ends today and the race could sputter on after the polls close, but there were reports that Clinton is shedding campaign staff, there is no campaign itinerary after tonight and she and Obama will be in the same city with Democratic leaders tomorrow.

The clearest hint that the end was here came from her chief campaigner, former president Bill Clinton, who either slipped badly off message

again or signalled his wife's last hurrah.

"This may be the last day I'm ever involved in a campaign of this kind," he said in South Dakota yesterday, wistfully adding it had been an honour to campaign across the country on behalf of his wife.

Publicly, the candidate gave no sign that she was about to fold her tent.

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### Plane plot a 'stunt': Accused

A British Muslim accused of plotting to blow up transatlantic airliners told a court yesterday he was planning a publicity stunt to draw viewers to a documentary about British and U.S. foreign policy.

Opening the defence's case, Abdulla Ahmed Ali, 27, told the court he and his friends had hoped to grab the world's attention but did not intend to kill anyone.

"What we were going to do was make a small device that would be set off in a sensitive area that would cause a lot of alarm and tension and chaos, or whatever," Ali told the court. "We never intended to murder anyone or to injure anyone," he said. "We never even thought about going on an airplane."

Prosecutors say the suspects intended to simultaneously blow up a number of planes in mid-air from Heathrow airport to the U.S. and Canada, potentially killing hundreds, before they were caught in August 2006. REUTERS

### England PM stands by terror plan



A woman walks past graffiti on a wall in London yesterday. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said yesterday he would stick to his principles over plans to detain terrorism suspects for longer prior to being charged despite the prospect of a humiliating defeat in parliament.

# Neil appears in Bangkok court

## Canadian accused of abusing boys held in Thailand

A Thai court began the formal trial yesterday of Canadian paedophile suspect Christopher Neil, seven months after he was arrested in a global manhunt triggered by "swirly face" images of abuse found on the Internet.

Neil, his wrists and ankles shackled as he appeared in the Bangkok Criminal Court, pleaded not guilty to four charges of molesting and distributing pornographic images of two Thai boys.

"I deny all the charges as I have done nothing wrong," Neil, clean-shaven and wearing orange-brown prison clothes, said.

If found guilty, the 32-year-old could spend up to 20 years in jail.

He was caught after police computer experts unravelled



Christopher Paul Neil sits in a detention cell at the Bangkok Criminal Court yesterday.

his digitally scrambled face from images of abuse found on the Internet, prompting Interpol to issue a unique public appeal.

Neil presented a list of four defence witnesses and refused to pay 300,000 baht (\$9,200) in compensation demanded by the parents of one of the boys. The next hearing was due on October 7, Neil's lawyer said.

### »news In Brief



- STUDY Long-term heavy use of marijuana may cause two important brain structures to shrink, Australian researchers said yesterday. Brain scans showed the hippocampus and amygdala were smaller in men who were heavy marijuana users compared to nonusers, the researchers said.
- FIRE A fire that burned through a large swath of the Universal Studios Hollywood back lot during the weekend was accidentally sparked by workers using heating tools on a film set, fire officials said yesterday.
- » BLAST A suspected suicide bomber blew up a car outside the Danish embassy in the Pakistani capital yesterday, killing six people and wounding 25, government officials said.

### Rock 'n' roll legend Bo Diddley dies at 79

Rock 'n' roll pioneer Bo Diddley, who banged out hit songs powered by the relentless "Bo Diddley beat," influencing rockers from Buddy Holly to U2, died yesterday at the age of 79.

Diddley died of heart failure at his home in Diddley



Archer, Fla., his management agency, Talent Consultants International, said in a statement. REUTERS



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## Karzai blasts handling of war

Afghanistan leader says Western forces mismanaging fight

International forces in Afghanistan have mismanaged the fight against the Taliban, leading to a rise in violence, and now risk losing people's goodwill, President Hamid Karzai told an Indian news channel.

Karzai has often criticized the Western conduct of the war in Afghanistan, saying civilian casualties must stop.

In turn, the president, who wants to stand for re-election

next year, is often criticized at home for being overly influenced by the United States and Britain.

In an interview to be aired on Indian television on Monday, he said foreign troops had failed to go after "the sanctuaries of the terrorists" which

Afghan officials say exist over the border in Pakistan.

Karzai did not directly mention Pakistan but the Afghan government has said that the West should have done more to crack down on Taliban and al Oaeda bases in Pakistan

### Spain Soaking wet



A woman walks through flood waters as she leaves her flat after the nearby river Gobela burst its banks on Sunday morning during torrential rainfall in Getxo, about 10 kilometres from Bilbao, Spain, yesterday

## Rio police in torture group?

in control

» With names like

"Men in Black" and "The Galacticos," the

"militias" are now be-

lieved to control more

than 10 per cent of the

city's more than 600

slums, often replacing

the gangs' criminal net-

works with their own.

Brazilian authorities believe 14 while reporting underactive police officers are involved in a Rio de Janeiro

paramilitary group accused of torturing four people, including two journalwith ists beatings and electric shocks.

The journalists made the allegation Sunday in their O Dia

newspaper, saying they, along with their driver and a local resident, were captured and tortured by the group on May

cover in a slum in the west of the city. The torture came in

> retaliation after their undercover investigation was discovered, they said.

Such groups, often referred to as "militias" locally, are normally made up of off-duty or former police officers. They have

spread in the city's violenceplagued slums in recent years, offering "protection" to residents from drug gangs. REUTERS

### »news In Brief

LAWSUIT New York's landmark Tavern on the Green in Central Park has agreed to pay \$2.2 million US to settle a sexual and racial discrimination lawsuit, a U.S. agency said vesterday.

**CLIMATE** Washington is

blocking efforts to get a Group of Eight summit to agree targets for cutting carbon emissions, insisting that responsibility be shared by big emerging economies, according to a draft seen by

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## No lack of oil, says Shell CEO

### Exec echoes OPEC, saying market is well-supplied

Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Jeroen van der Veer said yesterday he did not see any shortage of physical oil supplies, echoing the view of many OPEC ministers who say the world market is wellsupplied.

Oil prices have risen more than fourfold since 2004 and gained about a third this year, partly on increased fears among investors that producers will struggle to produce enough oil to meet demand in a decade's time.

"There are no physical shortages in the world. We don't have ships waiting in

### differing opinion » Japan's trade minister

said vesterday that major world oil producers must stop shirking the blame for "abnormally" high oil prices, adding that it would be difficult to enforce investment restrictions to temper prices. This weekend Japan hosts a meeting of energy ministers from the Group of Eight nations plus China, India and South Korea to address record oil prices, which have en-dangered an already

the Middle East, no people queuing up for gasoline," van der Veer told reporters in Kuala Lumpur, where he was briefing on Shell's Asian business plan.

shaky global economy.

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**ONLINE** Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. has begun selling real-time share data to the websites of Google Finance. CNBC and the Wall Street

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## sports



Lorena Ochoa, left, the world's No. 1-ranked player, announced yesterday she will be in Canada Aug. 11-17 to defend her CN Canadian Women's Open title at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Sykora keeps Pens alive Lakers a good

Forward scores winner in triple overtime

### PENGUINS 4 RED WINGS 3 (30T)

They played almost 110 minutes of heartthumping, tension filled playoff hockey. Now, they'll play more.

Three overtimes of Stanley Cup final action last night at The Joe did not produce in the result the hometown audience desired and screamed for all night long. Instead, Petr Sykora, nearly invisible for the first four games of the 2008 Cup final, delivered the winner at 9:57 of the third OT to produce a 4-3 Pittsburgh victory over the Red Wings, sending the best-ofseven series back to Pennsylvania for Game 6 tomorrow night.

For the final half of regulation play and for three overtimes, it was Detroit relentlessly pelting heroic Pittsburgh netminder Marc-Andre Fleury with shot after shot, while the Penguins could manage only occasional forays into the Detroit zone.

The night, you should know, certainly hadn't started that way.

It began with the Wings inexplicably sluggish and mistake-prone. But it was 1-0 nine minutes into the game for the Penguins on a quick-wristed shot by a stationary Marian Hossa, then 2-0 for the white-clad visitors before the game was 15 minutes old after Niklas Kronwall inadvertently flipped the puck off the shaft



Detroit Red Wings forward Pavel Datsyuk shoots the puck off the crossbar past goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury of the Pittsburgh Penguins during game five of the 2008 NHL Stanley Cup Finals last night. The Pens won the game 4-3 in triple overtime.

of Chris Osgood's stick into the Detroit

Gradually, however, the Wings began to assert themselves, and a Darren Helm shot that glanced of the skate of a sliding Rob Scuderi skittered between the legs of Pittsburgh goalie Fleury and cut the Penguin lead in half, 2-1.

Finally the Wings tied the game 2-2 on a Pavel Datsyuk deflection, his first goal of the series.

Less than three minutes later, they

scored again on a wrist shot by Brian Rafalski, and suddenly the Cup seemed to have one Detroit hand and two fingers on

But the Pens pulled Fleury with just over a minute left and seemed to burst to life. Osgood stopped Hossa's shot with his left foot, but Maxim Talbot jammed the puck over the goal line with 34 seconds left and, in stunning fashion, there was overtime to be played.

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# bet to win it all

his season's Boston Celtics recorded the largest one-year improvement in NBA history (24-58 to 66-16), but they are long shots to win what counts most - the league's championship.

Oddsmakers have established Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers as heavy favourites over the Celts in the NBA Finals, which opens Thursday night.

The Lakers are \$1.95 favourites, meaning wagerers who take them must lay that much to win a dollar. If the Celts prevail, bettors would collect \$1.65 for every dollar they place on them.

» My hunch: Boston with the upset in seven games (with a reminder that I'm sometimes wrong) ... Oddsmakers have established Bryant as the series' MVP favourite, at 2.25-to-1. Then come the Celts' Kevin Garnett at +2.25-to-1 and Paul Pierce at +4.75-to-1 ... After last season, before they acquired Garnett and Ray Allen, the Celts were 300to-1 underdogs to capture this year's championship ... Oddsmakers also have issued this highly unusual prop bet: Will Charles Barkley be spotted on a casino gaming floor before the start of the 2008-2009 season? Payouts are +1.75 for a yes and -3.75 for a no. The ex-NBA-star-turned-analyst, who recently paid off a gambling debt of about \$400,000 US, has vowed on



national TV that he'd refrain from gambling for at least a vear.

» In baseball, sources are

telling us the Blue Jays and Seattle Mariners are bidding for catcher/first baseman Scott Hatteberg, released last week by the Cincinnati Reds ... The firstplace Tampa Bay Rays are for real (please check out my most recent MLB column at www.metronews.ca) but they still rank dead-last in AL attendance ... From the New York Daily News: The Yankees' Alex Rodriguez "must have been so bummed" after a recent loss that, during a postgame meal at Hooters in Baltimore, he dismissed a young fan who wanted his autograph. "Excuse me, Mr. Rodriguez, may I please have your autograph?" the excited 10year-old asked him. Rodriguez's response: "Beat it." He had two different words for the chesty waitress he bumped into as he left. "Nice ass."

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

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Game 4 — Thursday, June 12 Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7 Game 5 — Sunday, June 15 \*Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7 Game 6 — Tuesday, June 17 \*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 Game 7 — Thursday, June 19 \*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 if necessary)

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Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 8:05 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 8:15

### »sports In Brief

- » TENNIS Dinara Safina saved a match point before emerging as a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 er of an all-Russian match with world No. 1 Maria Sharapova in the fourth round of the French Open yesterday.
- » NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs reportedly moved a step closer to naming a new head coach yesterday. TSN.ca reports Leafs interim GM Cliff Fletcher offered former San
- Jose Sharks head coach Ron Wilson Toronto's job, and is currently in negotiations.
- **NFL** Controversial cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones has been granted permission by the NFL to join his Dallas Cowboys teammates for training camps and preseason games, but he has not been reinstated from his suspension.

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## Hostess who saves most

Keep parties chic while cheap

Dear Smart Cookies, I recently started reading your weekly column and love it. You always provide such great advice and I am hopeful that you can help me out as well. Next month I am hosting a dinner party for six of my closest girlfriends. I am looking for ways that I can show everyone a great time without going broke in the process. Thoughts? - ALIR.

This weekend we hopped from one Sex and the City party to another, searching for great martinis and creative tips on how to throw an unforgettable get together that your guests will think cost you a fortune (it was hard work but someone



had to do it!) and here's what we uncovered. **DRINKS**: If you're serving wine, buy a less expensive (but tasty) boxed wine and then put it in a beautiful decanter. Don't you worry, your guests will never know the difference and you'll be richer for it. You will save up to 25 per cent. And to stretch your wine even further, consider serving Sangria, which can be made

with inexpensive white or reds, along with soda, fruit, juices and brandy.

Or better yet, rather than serving wine, serve hard liquor. A 750 ml bottle of wine will pour six drinks, while a 26 oz. bottle of vodka will serve 26 drinks. **DINNER:** For dinner parties. hit up your local farmer's market or ethnic market for fruits, veggies and even meats. You will spend a fraction of what you would pay at a large grocery chain. We found beef tenderloin at the local grocery store for \$49.47 and we were able to get the same cut of meat at our local butcher for \$35.97 - 28 per cent less!

If cooking gourmet specialty items is your thing, test out a local cooking studio where you can prep your meal ahead of time.

These trendy studios include all ingredients and cooking supplies: Cost average is about \$5 per serving. DESSERT: Don't be shy. When your guests ask if they can bring something, your answer should always be "yes!" Dessert is a great item to suggest your guests bring. But whether it's a dessert, an appetizer, or a bottle of wine, don't be afraid to ask because your guests will be glad to contribute

Bon appétit!

If you have questions for the Smart Cookies or want to share your confessions, please e-mail smartcook ies@metronews.ca.

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### Cottage conundrum

Since 1974, my wife and I owned a cottage. We seldom use the cottage but my kids and grandchildren enjoy its use all summer. If we sell the cottage, will we be subject to tax? If we are, can I gift the property to kids and avoid the taxes? - GERRY AND LORRAINE

Prior to Dec. 31, 1981 it may have been possible to claim a capital gain exemption on the cottage. However, after 1981 an exemption can only be claimed on one principal residence per family unit. Family members include spouses, common law partners and children under 18 years of age. Therefore, any sale or transfer of ownership would be subject to capital gains, including gifting.

Individuals should check with their financial adviser/accountant for special



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capital gains exemption election filed on their behalf with CRA.

With the escalating prices in stock market and real estate, including cottage property, timely and proper tax planning is a necessity. Consult a tax professional, they may not eliminate your tax liability but may minimize or prolong (defer) the collection.

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## Watch and learn

Volunteers help to assess ecosystems

f you're looking to make a difference in your local environment, consider taking part in the NatureWatch program.

NatureWatch is a series of community-based programs, partnered between Nature Canada and Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network co-ordination office. In the programs, Environment Canada collects information on ecosystems and their plants and animals across the country to better understand how stressors such as global warming, acid rain and invasive species impact them, according to the web-

Currently, the series is divided up into four programs (details below) .:

### FrogWatch

**ENVIRONMENT** Canada speculates on its website that frogs and toads are particularly vulnerable to damage caused by pollution because they have semi-permeable skin and they live between water and land. They also act as an indicator species for the health of Canada's wetlands - environments that are integral to the country's biodiversity and natural health.

### **IceWatch**

WHILE THE warming of Canada's climate as a result of greenhouse gas



FrogWatch and WormWatch are part of a series of community-based programs called NatureWatch.

emissions is common knowledge, more information is needed about how climate change will impact different regions of Canada, and how ecosystems in those regions will react to that change. Ice cover can profoundly affect water temperature and chemistry, food supplies, trade, tourism and the breeding seasons and migration patterns of birds.

### PlantWatch

SPECIES OF PLANTS are blooming almost a month earlier than they were a century ago, scientists say, and they add global warming and climate change are largely to blame. The greatest increases in temperature are predicted for the West and the North.

 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{Volunteers in this program track}$ where and how fast the changes are taking place, and they learn more about the country's botanical diver-



### WormWatch

THIS PROGRAM uses earthworms to get a better grasp of how soil activities promote knowledge of the ground beneath us, and are key elements in collecting data used for a

### save the Earth

- » Use reusable cloths and rags instead of paper towels to clean.
- » Instead of using chemicals and paper towels to wash your windows, try 125 ml vinegar (1/2 cup) and 1L water (4 cups), and a
- » If spaced is limited, try growing organic vegetables in containers or window boxes.
- Have a garage sale to help recycle your unwanted items. Some-

one's trash is another's treasure. » Donate electronic equipment to

- specific recycling groups or recycle them. This will help reduce pressure on landfills.
- » When buying wooden fencing and garden furniture, consider whether the wood is from a wellmanaged forest. Deforestation is a serious problem in some areas of the world, leading to loss of top soil and flooding, amongst other

problems.

- When boating, avoid stirring up bottom sediment with propellers. Keep personal watercraft out of shallow areas that are critical habitat for spawning fish, aquatic plants, and aquatic invertebrates. >> Hunters and anglers should use
- non-lead shot and fishing gear so birds eating spent shot or lost sinkers will not be poisoned.
  SOURCE: ENVIRONMENT CANADA

ecology sustains agriculture and the environment. Hands-on learning national earthworm census.

>> For more information, visit www.naturewatch.ca.

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### environment week **11**

Change at least one light bulb to a compact fluorescent; they use about a quarter as much electricity as a conventional light bulb to produce the same amount of light. They cost a bit more, but they last up to 10 times longer. ENVIRONMENT CANADA

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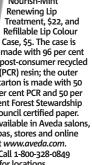


## Getting down to Earth



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Green Apple Peel Sensitive Skin, by Juice Beauty, \$24. Available at all Sephora stores across Canada, 1-877-SEPHORA, www.sephora.com.

Organic mini covered rice and sesame cakes by Nativa, \$1.99 for a 60 g bag, right, and Bio-life products environmentally friendly household cleaning products - ranging in price from \$3.99-\$6.99 each. Available at Shoppers Drug Mart. www.shoppersdrug



### today's commuter challenge stats

- » Registered (participating) users: 19,379 (6034))
- Registered communi-
- ties: 549
- » Registered workplaces: 4,166
- **Total kilometres**
- saved: 173,024 » Total emissions (GHG)
- saved: 27.046 kg
- » Total emissions (Nox) saved: 131 kg
- » For more updates, or to register, check out the National Commuter Challenge website at www. commuterchallenge.ca.
  - METRO NEWS SERVICES

### » going out

### June 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. In-

formation fair featuring the city's environmental programs. From 12:30-1 p.m., Mayor Stephen Mandel will invite Edmontonians to take two new actions to benefit the environment by June 2009. On the front steps at the outdoor plaza at City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Sq.

### June 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Carrot that Saved the World at Avonmore School (7340-78 Street). Includes time for community members to bring in carrot recipes and use the carrots that have been grown in classrooms as ingredients









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Studies show that artificial colouring — often found in candies — affects children's central nervous systems and heart rates.

ALIVE MAGAZINE

## Global health care

### Patients may soon direct their own treatment

You prick your finger, put a few drops of blood in a vial, put it in an envelope and mail the package to a lab in Georgia.

In a few days, you check a secure website and find out if you have diabetes, or heart troubles or even cancer.

If you decide you need a doctor, you call a 24-hour help line staffed with physicians in India — a centre modelled on computer help centres operating there now — for advice on what care to get.

Then all you have to decide is which country you want the surgery to be done in

There was no shortage of blue-sky thinking at a recent medical tourism conference in Las Vegas.

All the predictions about the future shared two basic conclusions: patients will become consumers directing their own care, and health care will soon be as globalized as manufacturing.

"Personally, I think the long-term economy is going to be about multinational health-care corporations ... with facilities in North America and Asia," says Jason Yap, head of the Singapore Tourist Board's medical tourism office. "And patients will be sent to where resources are best deployed."



In fact, Vishal Bali, who runs a chain of hospitals in India, says the future is largely already here. His Wockhardt Hospitals, for instance, already have a 24-hour call centre.

Summit saw no reason

health care would be any dif-

Like Yap, Bali foresees a day when only minor procedures are done in the more expensive industrialized nations, while major surgery is conducted in developing countries where costs are lower. In India, for instance, bypass surgery can cost \$10,000, compared with

Patients will become

consumers directing

their own health care, according to experts at a recent medical tourism conference in Las Vegas.

more than \$100,000 in the U.S.

"It all boils down to cost savings," Bali says.

Dr. Brian Day, head of the Canadian Medical Association, foresees a day when Canada could be a medical tourism destination, once waiting lists are eliminated here

"I think we can come within a few thousand dollars of those Indian prices," says Day, who was not at the Vegas conference.

Computer companies are getting in on the act, as well.

AOL co-founder Steve Case

### medical tourism

As the medical tourism industry matures, it has begun to specialize. Here is a breakdown of some of the destinations, and their specialties:

» Latin America: Cosmetic surgery and dental work, traditionally targeting the U.S. market.

» Singapore: High-end luxury health care, traditionally targeting Asian upper classes, but now branching out to North America and Europe.

» South Korea: Targeting the growing Chinese middle class not yet able to afford Singapore, as well as the Japanese and U.S. markets.

» India: A high-volume destination, India stresses economies of scale and low prices.

SOURCE: HEALTH CARE
GLOBALIZATION SUMMIT

has set up revolution health.com to help people direct their own care, while Google has just launched an online health records business.

For many at the conference, easier access to records, traditionally the property of individual doctors and hospitals, was considered essential to the development of global health care.

Microsoft Corp., meanwhile, is developing ways for doctors to consult with one another and with patients by computer — especially handheld devices, in hopes of reducing response times.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Concerns have arisen over the safety of various perspiration products. Look for paraben-, aluminum salt-, and/or scent-free.

### Sweat education



From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@ alive.com

An old euphemism says, "Horses sweat, men perspire, and women glow." Whatever we choose to call it — sweat, perspiration or a healthy glow — the body's cooling mechanism is truly ingenious.

Sweat, essentially odourless, can become rather pungent once exposed to bacteria. A sizeable industry has grown to address people's concerns about body odour, and a wide variety of products are available to help guard us against perspiration.

### What do these products do exactly?

» Antiperspirants work by blocking sweat ducts, thereby reducing sweat production. They may also contain ingredients to inhibit bacteria growth.

Deodorants help prevent or reduce body odour, with-

out reducing sweating. Some combination of fragrances, antibacterial ingredients, and ingredients that change the pH of the underarm area (making it a less hospitable place for bacteria to live) is usually included.

### Are there risks?

"">" Concerns have arisen over aluminum salts — found in some antiperspirants — and their relation to Alzheimer's disease, and whether underarm products containing parabens can increase breast cancer risk.

Research has yet to provide conclusive evidence to support these fears. Nonetheless, certain ingredients do have consumers concerned, not only for their own well-being but also for the environment, into which tons of personal-care product chemicals are washed every year.

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## Be wary of deodorant ingredients



From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@ alive.com

You may wish to look for deodorant or antiperspirant products ingredients that don't contain these ingredients:

### PARABENS

» Are petroleum-based preservatives

May cause skin irritation
 Have shown estrogenic and hormone-disrupting properties in animals
 Have been found in tissue from human breast cancers

### FRAGRANCES (INCLUD-ING NATURAL SCENTS)

Block sweat gland ducts;
 in some people, this blockage may contribute to the formation of painful cysts
 May irritate sensitive skin and can trigger a variety of symptoms in those who are scent-sensitive

**ALUMINUM SALTS (ALU-**

### MINUM CHLOROHY-DRATE)

» Block sweat gland ducts; in some people, this blockage may contribute to the formation of painful cysts
» May cause skin irritation

Right: Kiss My Face Active Enzyme deodorant contains no parabens, available at health stores.



### In Brief

DIET A Mediterranean diet rich in fruits and vegetables — already known to protect against heart disease — also appears to help ward off diabetes, Spanish researchers said on Friday. The study published in the British Medical Journal showed that people who stuck closely to the diet were 83 per cent less likely to develop type 2 diabetes than those who did not. Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90 per cent of all cases.

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## Dating truths better than fiction

f the recent hype over Sex And The City: The Movie has taught us anything, it's that in a world of sex, love and confusion, many of us look for inspiration on sorting out our relationships from wherever we can get it

However, the best lessons about the opposite sex often come from real life experiences — from the horrifying dates that make us swear off dating to the exhilarating ones that bring us back to it.

With more than 400 first dates from a three and a half year time frame in her arsenal, Carissa Reiniger is familiar with both the ups and downs of dating and all that exists in between.

"One guy brought me apple butter on the first date," she laughs. "He gave it to me because he said he thought I was the kind of



Author Carissa Reiniger discusses the real life ups and downs of dating in her book Stories From Our Black Books.

girl who would like apple butter."

I wonder if a second date would have gotten her a

loaf of bread to accompany the sweet treat.

Other memorable moments from her dating life thus far include the hopeless romantic who showed up for their casual date in a

full suit with a dozen roses, the man who spent the evening desperately trying to convince her he was a brain surgeon, and a guy who waited until the end of their great date to mention he had a girlfriend.

It's stories like these that made the 25-year-old entrepreneur, who grew up in Edmonton but now lives in Toronto, parlay her own experiences as well as countless more from other women into a book called Stories From Our Black Books.

"There are so many books and plays and movies based on fiction, trying to come up with all of these crazy stories that people think are interesting enough to

create

material out of.
But I think fact is a thousand times more in-

MASIA IGLINSKI teresting datingjungle@metronews.ca than fic-

says Reiniger on why she's brought these stories from women on love and dating to the forefront.

One story that sticks out in Reiniger's mind is the woman who waited excitedly for her date to pick her up ... until she saw the four dead coyotes in the back of his truck.

But more than the entertainment value these stories have is the truths about relationships we can all glean from them.

"So many women are on the search for love, but the reality is I don't think you can be in a good relationship until you are in a good place as an individual," says Reiniger.

"It is a journey for everyone. If we're in a relationship that's not good the only person who can change that is ourselves, or if we're in a relationship that's great the only person who can keep it that way is ourselves."

But it certainly helps to know there are others who can commiserate.

For more information, visit stories from our black books.com.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.



## metr⊕ **TOP 5**IVE

### Athletic date ideas:

- **1.** Batting cage followed by beers.
- 2. Rock climbing, below, followed by smoothies.
- **3.** Kayaking followed by sushi.
- 4. Hiking and a picnic.
- **5.** Salsa dancing followed by a tapas dinner
  - Kasia Iglinski/Metro Edmonton



## In Brief

**HEALING** Many natural

- health experts extol the healing and revitalizing power of saunas. Saunas can help to eliminate drugs and other toxins from the body, cleanse the skin, soothe sore muscles, and relieve a host of conditions including arthritis and asthma. Only 10 to 20 minutes of sauna time are required to work up a therapeutic sweat.
- ENVIRONMENT Electronic billing and banking not only saves trees but also eliminate the mess of unsorted papers on your desk. If you haven't converted all your paper bills to e-bills, why not join the paperless revolution? You can also store e-bills and bank statements on a CD, which saves time, takes up less space than paper, and reduces clutter.
- when the string of the same physiological and psychological symptoms as people suffering from anxiety, while a diet with too much sugar has been linked to depression, aggression, and impaired jurdoment.

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# entertainment /

Former American Idol contestant Katharine McPhee, left, is starring in the indie psychological drama The Storyteller. EWCCOM

## Top shows returning

CTV rolls out its fall lineup

By **SANDY CAETANO** for Metro Edmonton

It was an evening of glitz and glamour as CTV rolled out the red carpet and pulled out the big guns, offering all in attendance at their 2008 Upfront Presentation sneak peeks of their fall season lineup.

In addition to a look at their new fall 2008 schedule, journalists, media executives, advertising partners and other TV big wigs got to schmooze at Toronto's Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts with all the stars

Stars at the event included Enrico Colantoni (Just Shoot

Me, Veronica Mars), Amy Jo Johnson (Felicity, What About Brian), Hugh Dillon (Durham County), Mary Murphy (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, guest judge), Dan Karaty (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, guest judge), and Leah Miller (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, bost). Also on hand performing her hit Seven Day Fool was Canadian Idol's newest member, R&B singer Jully Black.

CTV announced its fall lineup along with the first ever cross-country, Fall 2008 Schedule for "A" (formerly A-Channel).

The two schedules will complement each other featuring Canada's most-watched programs, breakthrough freshmen hits and seven new, big buzz series.



Four-sevenths of the main cast of Corner Gas at the CTV 2008 Upfront presentation at the Four Seasons Centre in Toronto, the last for the group, whose show begins its final season in the fall.

The announcement comes as CTV ends the 2007/08 broadcast season as Canada's No. 1 network among total viewers for the seventh consecutive year

A total of 18 of Canada's

Top 20 shows will be returning to CTV and A — Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, Grey's Anatomy, ER, Lost, CSI: NY, Criminal Minds, Law & Order, Desperate Housewives and more.

"CTV has the most stable schedule in North American broadcasting. Nevertheless, as we did during the strike, we will continue to engage viewers with fresh new content in the few openings we have available," said Susanne Boyce, president, creative, content and channels. CTV Inc.

Two of the seven new series include Flashpoint the Canadian-produced series to be simulcast with CBS, and the world premiere of The Listener, the Canadian-produced series airing in the U.S. on NBC and in 175 other countries. The others are So You Think You Can Dance Canada, Fringe, The Mentalist, Eleventh Hour and Star Wars: The Clone Wars, a new series from Lucasfilm Animation.

For more visit www.ctv.ca.

### legal

## O'Neal busted for drugs, cops say

PEOPLE Oscar-winner

Tatum O'Neal was arrested on suspicion of buying drugs near her Manhattan home on



O'Neal

Sunday, Reuters reports police as having said yesterday.

She has a court date of July 28.

### project

### Pitt to design Dubai hotel

**PEOPLE** Actor Brad Pitt has been named designer of a green hotel and resort in Dubai, People.com reports.

Pitt will be part of a team of design consultants.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Passion drives music

Crash Parallel gets personal on debut album

By **SANDY CAETANO** for Metro Edmonton

Tackling important social issues is an important part of the songwriting process for Crash Parallel.

Singer/songwriter Tim Edward says one of the goals band members had when they entered the studio to record debut album World We Know— which was released by Sony BMG last month— was to discuss topics that they each felt passionate about.

"Most of it is real personal stuff, some stories are sort of an extension of something

that's real, but most of the stories are very real in my life," Edwards tells Metro.

"A lot of them have to do with

things I've gone through, things I've experienced or observed, and some things are inspired by stories that other people have told me."



Canadian alt-rock act Crash Parallel dropped debut album, World We Know, last month.

The Toronto-based alternative rock act, which also includes songwriter/guitarist Dan Saitua, bassist Gary Rugula and drummer John Vitellaro, are currently touring Canada, but return to

town for a gig at The Kool Haus on June 8.

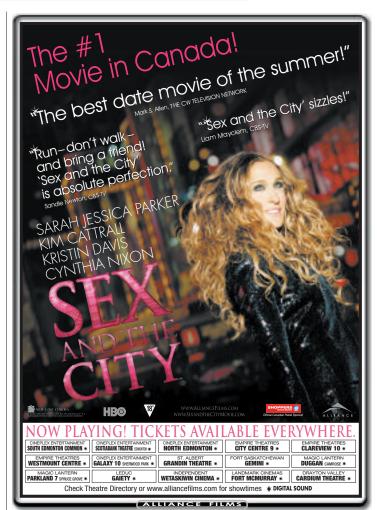
Crash Parallel is touring Canada and will play a gig at The Pawn Shop on June 20.

E d w a r d s says the debut incorporates strong melodies and intimate

lyrics by drawing inspiration from influences such as Coldplay, David Gray and Pearl Jam. The diverse range of songs on the album at times highlight opinions on social and political issues, but are also inspired by matters of the heart and the challenge of dealing with complicated and difficult relationships, people and situations

"Part of the fun is writing stories that people can relate to or (have) gone through so that at the end of the day people are getting something out of your music," Edward says.

The band's first single, World We Know, jumped from No. 3 spot to No. 1 on The Billboard Emerging Canadian Artist Chart days before the album's release.



### Indy, Sex lead foreign box office

Sex And The City logged a sizzling opening in 13 foreign territories, but it was not enough to unseat Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull. The fourth instalment in the adventure franchise earned about US \$71.5 mil-

lion from 60 territories far short of the record second-weekend tally of \$103.2 million recorded last year by Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End. Sex And The City, which enjoyed a US \$56 million opening in North America,

earned \$39.2 million overseas, playing in key European territories as well as Turkey, Israel, Singapore, South African, Puerto Rico and Iceland, Confirmed No. 1 bows included the U.K. (\$18.3 million) and Ger-

many (\$7.8 million). REUTERS

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## Ferrell takes aim at '70s

### Semi-Pro: Let's Get Sweaty Edition

Stars: Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson

Distributor: Alliance DVD

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THE '70S IS a gift that keeps on giving for Will Ferrell, a comic Narnia to which the comedian

seems destined to keep returning to for inspiration. With Semi-Pro, Ferrell and director Kent Alterman baste the underdog sports picture in

thick coating of the '70s, a not altogether pleasurable marinade that refers liberally to ugly clothes, creepy sex, nasty drugs and the last guiltless public embrace of drinking as well as smoking.

Ferrell plays Jackie

Moon, an indifferently talented musician who, in true '70s style, made a fortune off a one hit wonder, and used the earnings to make himself an owner. coach and player of an American Basketball Association franchise team based out of his hometown of Flint, Michigan, a luck-

> less, lastplace outfit better known for its flamboyant promotions than scoring.

He thinks his dreams RICK McGINNIS have come rick.mcginnis@metronews.ca true when the league

> merges with the NBA, but the catch is only the top four teams will make it, so he trades the team's washing machine for the only player willing to come to Flint and try to give the team a shot at coveted fourth place, a washed up

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bench jockey played by Woody Harrelson.

The film is typical Ferrell, at its best during a couple of ensemble set pieces and when the star gives full reign to his love of humiliation, but it's motivated by an obvious love for the flashy, dopey antics of the ABA, with its red. white and blue ball and high-scoring play.

In a bonus feature devoted to the long-gone league, we learn how much the modern NBA owes to its dirty little brother, and how much of the ABA's shameless style was absorbed into the basketball mainstream, from half-time court shows to slam-dunking.

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Danny Glover, right, along with Thandie Newton and Oliver Platt are in discussions to join 2012, the latest disaster movie from a global cataclysm; Glover would play the U.S. president. REUTERS

# Godzilla director Roland Emmerich. The film is about the survivors of

# Putting King out to pasture

### **TWILIGHT OF THE GODS:**

Well, I'm glad to read that CNN is at least contemplating the possibility of a day without Larry King on their network.

You know it's summer when most of the news you get arrives in the form of rumour - in this case. speculation that the network will be offering King's chair and red suspenders to Jay Leno when the time finally comes for the 74-year-old host of Larry King Live to retire.

Leno, as we know, is leaving The Tonight Show next year, his bosses at NBC having decided to transplant Conan O'Brien from the east to west coast and into an earlier time slot in the search for younger demographics. Leno isn't exactly



happy about it, and he's been quietly - but not too quietly, as this is Hollywood – shopping around for a new gig with the potential to make his soon-tobe-former bosses realize their mistake.

According to Bill Zwecker of the Chicago Sun-Times, ABC and Fox have been talking to Leno, but it's CNN that wants to offer him "a late-night



Is CNN's ancient and clueless host Larry King on his way out? Metro columnist Rick McGinnis can only hope

chatfest that could morph into Leno replacing Larry King." It's all in the realm of fantasy right now, apparently, and Leno could find himself growing old in his holding-pattern CNN show waiting to replace King. who was, after all, the first journalist to interview Marconi after his landmark first wireless broadcast between England and Newfoundland's Signal Hill in 1901, a seminal moment in the young journalist's career, albeit one that was captured for posterity on a zoetrope, as Marconi was, after all, just inventing

broadcasting at the time.

I've never made a secret of my mystification at King's longevity at hosting soft-soap, often befuddled interviews with guests who are either friends and therefore very forgiving, or just openly bemused at the kindly but clueless old man on the other side of the table. The best King shows are inevitably the ones where some wary zookeeper brings a bunch of animals on the show. most of which - badgers, raccoons, even squirrels -King claims never to have heard of before. Leno, for all of his shortcomings, would be an improvement on an exponential scale.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movie books and television, but not opera.

### strike fears

### Gainsbourg bows out of Terminator



FILM Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is in talks to replace Charlotte Gain-

sbourg in Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins. Gainsbourg was to play Kate Connor, the wife of human resistance hero John Connor, played by Christian Bale. The actress had to bow out because of scheduling conflicts with another film, a French comedy

Production on the fourth entry in the Terminator franchise is underway. If an actors strike were to happen after the Screen Actors Guild contract expires on June 30, shooting would stop and then restart at a later date, potentially conflicting with the French film.

### fonz in bronze

### Statue to honour **Happy Days star**



Happy Days stars Henry Winkler

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as The Fonz (Fonzie), Marion Ross (Mrs. Cunningham), Tom Boslev (Mr. Cunningham), Erin Moran (Joanie), Don Most (Ralph Malph) and Anson Williams (Potsie) will return to Milwaukee on Aug. 19 for the dedication of a bronze Fonzie statue on the RiverWalk in downtown.

### eco author

### McEwan tackles climate change

**BOOKS** Best-selling British author Ian McEwan surprised an audience at the Hay literary festival in Wales by reading a preview extract from his novel in progress, due in about two years. The as-yet-untitled book tells the story of Nobel prize-winner Michael Beard, and his attempts to save the world from environmental damage. "The way to write about climate change is through writing about human nature," said McEwan. REUTERS

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### critics'corner—

As depressing as it is, most women are far more vulnerable women are far more volinerable than men to attack. In "Stand on Your Man," Roseanne (Roseanne Arnold) gets accosted while closing the diner for the night. The experience is so devastating that she decides she and the other women (Laurie Metcalf, Estelle Parsons) working at the restaurant need to take self-defense courses Morgan Fairchild and Terri Treas guest star. 8:30 PM on CMT



### Canadian Idol

It's that time again. Time to weed out the good from the bad and he ugly on a quest to find Canada's next singing sensation. Ben Mulroney returns as host of season six, which, like its predecessors, opens with the sometimes unny, frequently painful audition ounds, as judges Farley Flex, Jake Gold, Sass Jordan and Zack Werner decide who goes to the next round and who goes nome. Singer Jully Black joins the crew as mentor and coach to the performers. 8 PM on CFRN

# celebritybuzz



Alberto E.

her next album with fellow chart-toppers Amy Winehouse and Duffy. According to femalefirst.co.uk, the hitmaker has drawn up a wish list of musicians and producers she wants to work with when she next hits the studio, with Winehouse, Duffy, and Winehouse-collaborator Mark Ronson right at the top. Rihanna talks of a "dream team' with Winehouse and Duffy: "How amazing would that be? We've all got three different voices, it would be brilliant. Now that would be a feminist anthem. I love Amy. I think she's great, so unique. I love her album. And I also love what Duffy is doing, she's brilliant, as well."

R&B star Rihanna wants to

record a "feminist anthem" for

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## Ford denies wedding rumours

Harrison Ford has blasted rumours he is planning to marry longtime girlfriend Caliste Flockhart this summer, imdb.com reports. Some have suggested the pair, who have dated since 2002, will make their union formal as soon as Ford finishes promotional duties on the new Indiana Jones movie. But a representative for the 65-year-old insists marriage reports are "tabloid rumour and nothing more."

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## Murphy replaced

Rihanna wants to team up with Winehouse

Brittany Murphy has been dropped by Disney from the forth coming Tinker Bell film, according to imdb.com. Murphy was to provide the voice of Tinker Bell in an upcoming animated film about the Peter Pan fairy, but has since allegedly been replaced by 19year-old Mae Whitman. Murphy's acting career has stalled in recent years with the star receiving more attention for her per sonal life than for her film

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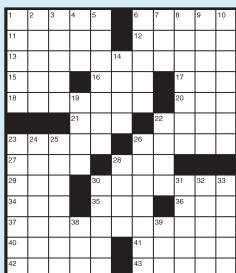


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### AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Yielding to a lover will thaw out relations. Permit destiny to take over for ease and comfort. Check up on people even if you're busy.



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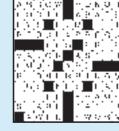
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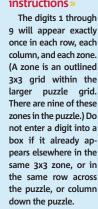
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